

Inspection Checklist for Containers & Cargo Units

Introduction

This document has been developed by Lloyd's Market Association (LMA) Joint Specie Committee in consultation with GCC. It has been designed to ensure due diligence has been taken to reduce the risks associated with artworks travelling in containers via sea freight. It is advised that shippers and freight agents follow the inspection checklist – as part of their risk mitigation process – for all containers, in advance of artworks being loaded.

Shipment Details:

Date _____

Client _____ Ref _____

Container# _____ Seal# _____

Inspected by _____

Inspection Checklist:

1. Outside / Undercarriage (before entering facility):
 - a. Inspect prior to entering the facility.
 - b. Support beams should be visible.

2. Inside / Outside Doors:
 - a. Make sure secure and reliable locking mechanisms are attached to the container.
 - b. Be on the lookout for different colour bonding material.
 - c. Be on the lookout for loose bolts.
 - d. Be on the lookout for plates and repairs. Solid plates should not cover standard container cavities.

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3. Right Side:
 - a. Look for unusual repairs to structural beams.
 - b. Repairs to walls on the inside must be visible on the outside.
 - c. Use tool to tap side walls. Listen and feel for hollow sound.
4. Left Side:
 - a. Look for unusual repairs to structural beams
 - b. Repairs to walls on the inside must be visible on the outside.
 - c. Use tool to tap side walls. Listen and feel for hollow sound.
5. Front Wall:
 - a. Check to see if blocks and vents are visible.
 - b. Use tool to tap front wall. Listen and feel for hollow sound.
 - c. Use a ranger finder or measuring tape to determine if the length of the interior of the container is correct.
6. Ceiling / Roof
 - a. Check to make sure ceiling height from floor is accurate. Blocks and vents should be visible.
 - b. Repairs to the ceiling on the inside of the container should be visible on the outside.
 - c. Use tool to tap ceiling. Listen for hollow sound.
7. Floor (Inside)
 - a. Check to make sure the floor is the correct height from the ceiling.
 - b. Make sure the floor is flat. Do not need to step up to get inside.
 - c. Make sure the floor is a uniform height.
 - d. Be on the lookout for unusual repairs.
8. Misc:
 - a. Ensure that the container is water tight, by shutting the doors whilst someone is standing inside and checking for light coming into the interior of the container.

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